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Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. ALT.P021 Attorney Docket No. UTILITY Terry Borer PATENT APPLICATION First Inventor Method & Apparatus For Implementing Soft TRANSMITTAL Constraints In Tools For Designing PLDs EU163330730US (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) Express Mail Label No. Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents APPLICATION ELEMENTS ADDRESS TO: P.O. Box 1450 See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. Alexandria VA 22313-1450 0830 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or 1. X (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
Applicant claims small entity status. Computer Program (Appendix) Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission See 37 CFR 1.27. (if applicable, all necessary) 3. X Specification [Total Pages_ 37 Computer Reader Form (CRF) (preferred arrangement set forth below) Descriptive title of the invention Specification Sequence Listing on: - Cross Reference to Related Applications - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention Statements verifying identity of above copies - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) - Detailed Description **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS** - Claim(s) - Abstract of the Disclosure 9. L Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) 4. X Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 17 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of 10. (when there is an assignee) Attorney 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 5 English Translation Document (if applicable) a. Newly executed (original or copy) Information Disclosure Copies of IDS 12. Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) 13. 📖 Preliminary Amendment (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) 14. X (Should be specifically itemized) **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)** 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) (if foreign priority is claimed) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 16. X Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 Other: 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) Continuation of prior application No.: Examiner Art Unit: For CONTINUATION OF DIVISIONAL APPS only; The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Customer Number: Correspondence address below Name Lawrence M. Cho P.O. Box 2144 PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE Address City State Zip Code Champaign 61825 Country Telephone (217) 377-2500 U.S.A. (217) 356-7373 Name (Print/Type) Lawrence M. Cho Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 39.942 Signature Date July 11, 2003

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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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